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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the International Search Report issued for corresponding Appln. No. PCT/JP03/15850 dated April 22, 2004.

According to the Annex to the Search Report, U.S. Publication Nos. 2003/103604 and 2002/164152 are family members of EP 1 198 132. U.S. Patent Nos. 6,285,826, 6,400,893 and 6,424,797 are all family members of EP 1 115 118. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/026504 is a family member of EP 1 150 297.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) that all documents submitted herewith were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Therefore, it is respectfully urged that no fees are required for the Examiner's consideration of the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement.



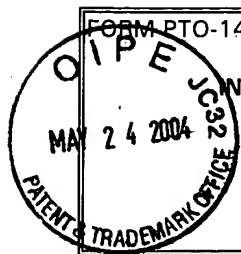
It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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	AA	2003/103604	6/6/02	Kato, et al.			Copending application
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	AC	6,285,826	9/4/01	Murase, et al.			
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	AJ	EP 1 115 118	7/11/01	EPO				
	AK	EP 1 150 297	10/31/01	EPO				
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